

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Exploitation of Chinese Communist Newspapers

1. Currently 259 Chinese Communist newspapers are being procured. Of these, 53 are high level, i.e., national, provincial, or large municipality level; the other 206 are low level such as hsien, individual collective, farming, trade and trade union, etc. level newspapers. The low level sources are subject to irregularity in procurement.

2. There are two main facilities exploiting the Chinese Communist newspapers for the intelligence community, Foreign Documents Division of the Office of Operations and the Press Monitoring Unit of the American Consulate General in Hong Kong. These two facilities have a coordinated and integrated program of operations. Jointly they regularly exploit the 53 high level and about 17 of the low level newspapers. The remaining low level newspapers are used for specific search problems and special reports.

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